

CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?

A Problem That Seems Simple, but That Will Invite Discussion.
How much greater than three-fourths is four-fifths?
At first sight it seems an easy question, but put it to your arithmetical friends and you will probably find that it will divide them into two parties, one contending that the answer is one-fourth and the other as positively affirming that it is one-third, while both will be ready to prove the accuracy of their respective solutions.

The party of the first part (to use a legal phrase) may argue their point in this way:

Five shillings is the fourth part of a pound. If you have 15 shillings, or three-fourths of a pound, and somebody gives you another fourth part you have a sovereign—ergo, your four-fourths is one-fourth greater than three-fourths.

But this will not suit the other party at all, and they will proceed scornfully to point out that the argument is all wrong, since if you have 15 shillings and somebody is generous enough to add 5 shillings to it the donor is only giving you one-third of the amount you already possess (5 times 3 equals 15), therefore your sovereign is only one-third more than your 15 shillings.

It is a pretty problem, and expert accountants have been known to wrangle over it for hours.—London Answers.

SCIENTIFIC FARMING:

The Way Long Tongued Bees Saved Australian Clover.

A clerk in the department of agriculture said:

"So you think that scientific farming is a bluff? You demand some illustrations of the good that is accomplished by the scientific method? Very well.

"When clover was first introduced into Australia it grew there beautifully, but it never seeded. The soil was all right. The climate was all right. What, then, was the trouble?

"A scientist studied the matter, and this is what he found:

"He found that the native Australian bees had tongues too short to reach the clover's pollen forming organs. These organs in red clover are hidden deeply in the heart of the tubelike petals and they can only be fertilized by the long tongued bumblebee. If red clover is not visited by bumblebees, who bear the golden pollen grains from one blossom to another, it never seeds—it cannot be grown. The scientist, aware of the fact, soon put his finger on the barren Australian clover's trouble. He imported a lot of long tongued bumblebees. These bees flourished, and immediately Australian clover, which had promised to be a failure, became one of the country's richest and finest crops."—Chicago Chronicle.

Huge Task.

It was a huge task to undertake the cure of such a bad case of kidney disease as that of C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Ia., but Electric Bitters did it. He writes: "My kidneys were so far gone, I could not sit on a chair without a cushion; and suffered from dreadful backache, headache, and depression. In Electric Bitters, however, I found a cure, and by them was restored to perfect health. I recommend this great tonic medicine to all with weak kidneys, liver or stomach." Guaranteed by all druggists; price 50c.

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The Mantelpiece Bottle Experiment.

You find yourself on a picnic perhaps without a corkscrew and with a lot of bottles, all of them with corks in them. Hardly anybody knows what to do. The solution of the difficulty is, however, it seems, perfectly simple: "Place the bottle, cork downward, upon the edge of an ordinary mantelpiece, steadying it, of course, with the hand. Then with a slight impulse turn it so that it falls upon the ground on its base. Pick it up, and you will find that the cork has started. It is sometimes necessary to repeat the operation before the cork can be withdrawn with the fingers. A first experiment with a full bottle of water tightly corked is advisable. A fall direct from that height will have no desirable result."

The present writer can testify to the efficacy of this "minor art." He had, it is true, to arrange his picnic in an ordinary room so as to have the mantelpiece handy. But there was no difficulty after turning the bottle on its base, "with a slight impulse," in extracting the cork from the ruins. There was no need to repeat the operation.—London Spectator.

May Weddings.

May weddings are supposed by many persons to be unlucky. It is a heritage from the ancient Romans. A May bride, says Ovid, is short lived, his explanation being that the month included the celebration of the Lemuria in honor of the dead. Apart from any evil omen, such a time of mourning would interfere with the bathing and toilet arrangements that were proper preliminaries to weddings. Plutarch suggests that, as April was the month of Venus and June that of Juno, to select May was to slight those nuptial goddesses and that June, as the month of the young (juniores), was preferable to May, the month of the old (maiores). Ovid's "Mense malas maso nubere vulgus ait" (there is a popular saying that wicked women wed in May) was inscribed on the gate of Holyrood when Mary, queen of Scots, married Bothwell in May, 1567. What followed strengthened Scottish belief in May's unlikelihood.

The Term "Crony."

Every one uses the term "crony" in the sense of "chum" or "pal," and the phrase "old cronies" has become specially familiar, but it is doubtful whether the original word bore any reference to friendship. The new English dictionary puts down its origin to academic slang and quotes the immortal Pepsys for the earliest instances of its use. Quite recently, however, an old letter of a still earlier date has come to light, in which a scholar is described as "content to destroy his body with night labors and everlasting study to overtake his chronies and contemporaries." From this it would seem clear that the word was a bit of university jargon, used to denote students of the same date and coined from the Greek word that appears in the terms "chronology," "chronometer," "chronograph," that are connected with time.

Sheridan's Trap.

Any interruption while he was making a speech always caused Richard Brinsley Sheridan considerable annoyance. On one occasion the dramatist showed his displeasure of a fellow member of the house of commons who kept crying out "Hear, hear" every few minutes. During a certain debate Sheridan took occasion to describe a political contemporary who wished to play rogue, but had only sense enough to act fool. "Where," exclaimed he, with great emphasis—"where shall we find a more foolish knave or a more knavish fool than he?"

"Hear, hear," was shouted by the troublesome member.

Sheridan turned and, thanking the honorable member for the prompt information, sat down amid a general roar of laughter.

Tactful.

Mrs. John Sherwood was as famous for her exquisite nature as for her fine style. At a dinner one night at the time when her novel "The Transplanted Rose" was having a wide circulation her neighbor turned and asked in perfect good faith the almost incredible question, "Mrs. Sherwood, do you know who wrote 'The Transplanted Rose'?"

"It sounds as though it might be Hardy," laughed the gifted woman without a trace of ill nature.—Woman's Home Companion.

Cured of Bright's Disease.

Geo. A. Sherman, Lisbon Red Mills, Lawrence county, N. Y., writes: "I had kidney disease for many years and had been treated by physicians for twelve years; had taken a well known kidney medicine and other remedies that were recommended but got no relief until I began using Foley's Kidney Cure. The first half bottle relieved me and four bottles have cured me of this terrible disease. Before I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure I had to make water about every fifteen minutes, day and night, and passed a brick-dust substance, and sometimes a slimy substance. I believe I would have died if I had not taken Foley's Kidney Cure." J. W. McCollum & Co.

GOLDFISH IN JAPAN.

The Demand For Them Appears to Be Almost Without Limit.

Although the goldfish occurs in a wild state in Japan, it is probable that China some 400 years ago furnished the stock from which the wonderful varieties of Japanese goldfish have been bred. It is reported that in feudal days, even when famine was abroad in the land and many people were starving, the trade in goldfish was flourishing.

The demand at present appears to be without limit, and the output shows a substantial increase each year. Many thousands of people make a living by growing goldfish for market, and hundreds of peddlers carry the fish through the streets and along the country roads in wooden tubs suspended from a shoulder bar.

The leading goldfish center is Koriyama, near the ancient capital of Nara. Here are 350 independent breeding establishments, whose yearly product runs far into the millions. One farm which I visited was started 140 years ago. At first it was conducted merely for the pleasure of the owner, but it eventually became a commercial enterprise and is now very profitable.—National Geographic Magazine.

African Grosbeaks.

The social grosbeaks of South Africa live in large societies. They select a tree of considerable size and literally cover it with grass roof, under which their common dwelling is constructed. The roof serves the double purpose of keeping off the heat and the rain, and 400 or 500 pairs of birds are known to have the same shelter. The nests in this aerial dwelling are built in regular streets and closely resemble rows of tenement houses.

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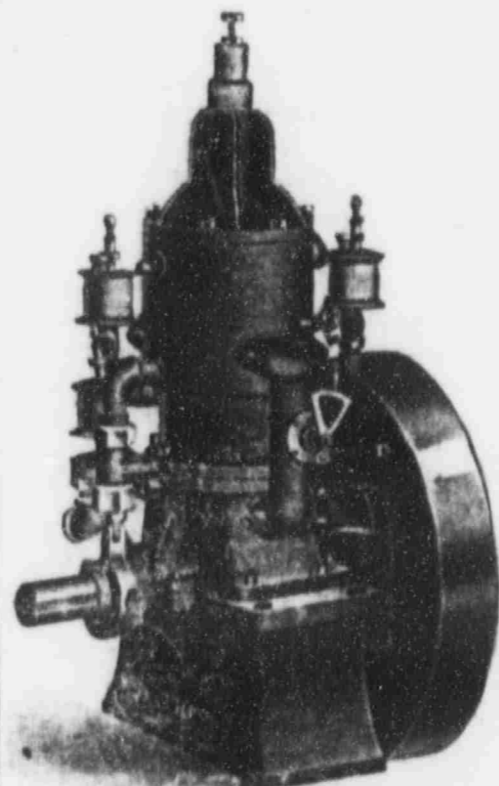
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